

If you and the child support agency cannot agree on an Alternative Payment Plan

Your child support agency will propose an Alternative Payment Plan. You may agree to the plan, reject the plan, or propose another plan. If you and your child support agency cannot agree on an Alternative Payment Plan, you may ask the court to review the plan. If the court finds that the proposed Alternative Payment Plan is not reasonable, the court may offer another Alternative Payment Plan.

Following your Alternative Payment Plan

You must follow your Alternative Payment Plan by making all the payments when due. If you do not follow your Alternative Payment Plan, your child support agency can take actions on your bank accounts, property licenses. If you do not follow your plan, you might not be able to get Food Stamps or state grants and loans.

If you have a support case in more than one county

If you have a court order in more than one county, and more than one child support agency notifies you of an enforcement action, you must ask each child support agency for an Alternative Payment Plan.

Changing your Alternative Payment Plan

Your Alternative Payment Plan may be changed if you can show a substantial change in circumstances such as a change in your earning capacity. (Your earning capacity may change if you are laid off from your job. However, if you decide to reduce your hours to part-time, your earning capacity has not changed.)

For more information:

Or

Contact your county or tribal child support agency (listed in your phone book under “County Government” or tribal name)

Child support information is on the Internet <www.dwd.state.wi.us/bcs>. Many public libraries have Internet access.

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Alternative Payment Plan



What is an Alternative Payment Plan?

How a plan helps parents who owe past-due child support?

What an Alternative Payment Plan will do for you

An Alternative Payment Plan provides a way for you to pay off past-due child support while also paying your current support. As long as you follow your Alternative Payment Plan, it:

- Will **STOP** actions to suspend or deny a your recreational (hunting, fishing), drivers professional and occupational licenses
- Will **STOP** actions to seize your bank accounts including checking, savings, IRAs, and mutual funds
- Will **STOP** actions to seize your titled property (home, car)
- Will **ALLOW YOU** to apply for Food Stamps
- Will **ALLOW YOU** to apply for state government loans and grants (such as college grants and WHEDA loans)

The child support agency will send* you a notice before taking any of the actions license, bank account and property seizures listed above.

* Agencies mail the notices to the last address that they have for you. Make sure your child support agency knows your address.

What an Alternative Payment Plan can NOT do for you

An Alternative Payment Plan can **NOT** remove your Child Support Lien – only satisfying the lien (paying it off in full) can remove your name from the Child Support Lien Docket.

An Alternative Payment Plan can **NOT** stop your tax refunds from being taken to pay the past-due support you owe.

The Alternative Payment Plan is a plan to gradually reduce the amount of past-due support you owe.

When to ask for an Alternative Payment Plan

You may ask for an Alternative Payment Plan at any time. However, to stop an action (denying a license, seizing savings accounts or property) after you receive a notice, you ask for an Alternative Payment Plan within 10 business days.

You should contact the child support agency in the county that has the your child support order.

Child support agencies are listed in the phone book under “County Government” or tribal name and on the Internet at www.dwd.state.wi.us/bcs).

Setting up an Alternative Payment Plan

You must provide all financial information to your child support agency within five (5) business days of asking for an Alternative Payment Plan. Your child support agency will agree not to an Alternative Payment Plan without this information.

Your child support agency will use the information to develop an Alternate Payment Plan.

What an Alternative Payment Plan could look like

Example:

Your court order is for \$300 every month for current support and \$30 each month for payment on past-due support. You owe \$5,000 in past-due support.

Your Alternative Payment Plan could look like this:

You agree to pay \$400 every month until you pay all the past-due support you owe. The \$400 monthly payment includes the \$300 for your current support, the \$30 payment ordered on past-due support, and \$70 for the past-due support you owe.

Payments must equal or be more than the amount the court ordered.